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REMARKS   
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1. Between 6 and 9 March 1954, an undetermined number of troop trains and motorized columns went from Hillersleben to Haldensleben and toward north. After the departure of the troops, the barracks installations in Hillersleben were occupied only 20 percent.  an exercise was to be conducted in the Stendal-Gardelegen area and that the troops were expected to return on 13 March.

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2. Military shipments observed in Hillersleben between 6 and 9 March included:

6 March. At 11:20 a.m., departure of a train with 8 tanks and 3 boxcars occupied by troops.

7 March. At 10 a.m., departure of a column of 12 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and with full field pack.

9 March. At 2:20 p.m., departure of 50 trucks with 24 x 45-mm and 57-mm AT guns, 37-mm AA guns and billeting equipment; and 5 armored scout cars toward Borna; and 2 T-34 tanks, 2 T-34/85 tanks and 1 JS-3 tank toward Haldensleben.

Comment. It is believed that, beginning about 9 March, exercises of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps were held in the Stendal-Gardelegen area and that units of the 19th Gds Mech Div from Hillersleben also participated in these exercises. Other elements of the division left Magdeburg on 9 March and artillery units of the Third Shock Army and the corps had been entrained in Magdeburg and Burg on 8 March.

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